GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2350
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South African Tourism
Khadse Smt. Raksha Nikhil

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of tourists are travelling to South Africa from India as quoted by South African Tourism Minister during his recent visit to India;
(b) whether the South African Government facilitates ease in travel for Indian tourists;
(c) whether the Government has signed any agreement/MoU with the South African Government in this regard;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) whether the South African Government provides visa priority for Indian tourists and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a): As per the UNWTO Report, the numbers of Indian Nationals' Departures from India to South Africa during 2014 were 85,639.

(b): South African Government issues visa as per its policy and Visa is issued for Indian nationals from South African High Commission in Delhi and Consulate General office Mumbai. It is time consuming. Visitor/Tourist Visa is issued for single entry with limited time duration.

(c) and (d): As per bilateral agreement signed between India and South Africa the visa is issued on gratis to the citizens of both nations.

(e): Indian tourists need Visa to travel to South Africa. As per knowledge, no priority is given to Indian tourist while issuing visa.

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